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SUBJECT: SECRETARY DENT VISIT

REF: A. STATE 50600; B. BUCHAREST 1022

1. DURING CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER MATTER ON MARCH 18, MFA PROTOCOL CHIEF DZIBROV EXPRESSED GOB'S PLEASURE AT UPCOMING DENT VISIT AND GAVE STRONG ASSURANCES THAT GOB WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO MAKE IT AS PRODUCTIVE AND PLEASANT AS POSSIBLE.

2. DZIBROV SAID GOB WISHED TO ACCOMMODATE DENTS IN GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE, ALTHOUGH WOULD ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS IN GRAND HOTEL SOFIA IF SECRETARY DENT PREFERRED, ADDITIONALLY WILL BE PROVIDING PROGRAM TRANSPORTATION, ETC. FOR PARTY DURING VISIT.

3. IF DESIRED, DENTS AND THREE OR FOUR OTHERS COULD STAY AT GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE. EMBASSY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, DENTS WOULD BE AT LEAST AS COMFORTABLE IN CENTRALLY LOCATED GRAND HOTEL SOFIA WITH REST OF PARTY, ESPECIALLY DURING LIMITED TIME PARTY WILL BE IN SOFIA. OTHER CONSIDERATION IS DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OBLIGATION FOR USG TO PROVIDE SIMILAR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR BULGARS VISITING U.S. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. DOES PARTY PLAN TO LUNCH ABOARD PLANE EN ROUTE MOSCOW/SOFIA
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5. NEDEV MAY WELL PRESENT SECRETARY DENT GIFT, PROBABLY A RATHER SPECIAL EXAMPLE OF SOME TYPICAL BULGARIAN CRAFT, AND SECRETARY DENT MAY WISH TO COME PREPARED TO RECIPROCATE WITH AMERICAN CRAFT-TYPE GIFT. MRS. DENT NEED NOT BRING ANY GIFTS FOR PRESENTATION IN BULGARIA.
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